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Ronald E. Longstaff
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Pittsburg State 1962 BA; Iowa 1965 JD
Began Service: November 5, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Drake Law School (1973-1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Roy L. Stephenson, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1965-1967)

Judicial: Clerk of Court and Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1968-1976); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1976-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, McWilliams, Gross and Kirtley (1967-1968)

Current Memberships: C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court; Federal Judges' Association; Iowa State Bar Association

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Robert W. Pratt
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Loras 1969 BA; Creighton 1972 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Polk County Legal Aid Society (1973-1974); Associate, Funaro, Brick & Pratt (1975-1978); Partner, Hedberg, Brick, Tann, Pratt & Ward (1978-1985); Private Practice (1985-1997)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Association of Workers' Compensation Attorneys; Iowa State Bar Association; Iowa Trial Lawyers Association; Polk County Bar Association; National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives

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James E. Gritzner
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Dakota Wesleyan 1969 BA; Northern Iowa 1974 MA; Drake 1979 JD
Began Service: February 19, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Assistant The Honorable Ronald Longstaff, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1977-1979)

Government: Member, Iowa Board of Parole (1980-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate, Mosier, Thomas, Beatty, Dutton, Braun & Staack (1979-1981); Partner, Humphrey, Haas & Gritzner (1981-1982); Partner, Nyemaster, Goode, Voigts, West, Hansell & O'Brien, P.C. (1982-2002)

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Harold D. Vietor
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Iowa 1955 BA, 1958 JD
Began Service: 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Martin Van Oosterhout, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1958-1959)

Judicial: Judge, Iowa District Court (1965-1979)

Legal Practice: Bleakley Law Offices (1959-1965)

Military Service: United States Navy (1952-1954)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Eighth Circuit District Judges Association; Federal Judges Association; Iowa State Bar Association

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Note: The address for Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Shields has been temporarily located to Illinois, while his current office is renovated.

Thomas J. Shields
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: William & Mary 1969 BA; Indiana 1972 JD
Began Service: 1997
Term Expires: 2008

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable W. C. Stuart, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Lane & Waterman (1974-2000)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Lawyers; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Trial Lawyers Association, Judicial Member; Defense Research Institute; Indiana State Bar Association; Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers; Iowa Defense Council; Iowa State Bar Association

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